

**In the Specification**

Please amend page 17, lines 20-24 as follows:

The present invention uses a direct and flexible robustness control mechanism to yield a beamformer that provides good performance and ~~it~~ is robust to a wide variety of adverse conditions. Notably, the present invention includes a novel robustness-control mechanism, which parameterizes the beamforming problem and yields a system that has direct and more flexible control over the beamforming process.